GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
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RECLAMATION OF WASTE AND DEGRADED LAND
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is 60 million hectares of waste land and degraded land in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the details of proposals for bringing it under cultivation or forest cover under the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(d) the amount earmarked for the purpose, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): As per the `Wastelands Atlas of India 2000` brought out by the Department of Land Resources using remote sensing satellite data, the total extent of wastelands/degraded land in the country is 63.85 million hectare. The State-wise details are annexed.

(c) & (d): An amount of Rs.4400.00 crore is allocated for the implementation of three major Watershed Development Schemes of the Department of Land Resources viz. Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP), Desert Development Programme (DDP) and Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP) during the Tenth Five Year Plan. Under these schemes, the State-wise allocations of funds are being made based on the proposals received from the State Governments. In addition, two watershed development programmes namely National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas & Soil Conservation for Enhancing the Productivity of Degraded Lands in Catchments of River Valley Project & Flood Prone Rivers are being implemented by Department of Agriculture & Cooperation for which allocations are being made by State Governments out of total fund allocated under Macro Management Mode.

ANNEXURE

State-wise Wasteland in the country

(Area in 000` ha.)

S.No.	States/UTs	Wasteland
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5175.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1833.00
3.	Assam	2002.00
4.	Bihar	2100.00
5.	Chattisgargh	@
6.	Goa	61.00
7	Gujarat	4302.00
8.	Haryana	373.00
9.	Himachal Pradesh	3166.00

10. Jharkhand @@
11. Jammu & Kashmir 6544.00
12. Karnataka 2084.00
13. Kerala 145.00
14. Madhya Pradesh 6971.00
15. Maharashtra 5349.00
16. Manipur 1295.00
17. Meghalaya 990.00
18. Mizoram 407.00
19. Nagaland 840.00
20. Orissa 2134.00
21. Punjab 223.00
22. Rajasthan 10564.00
23. Sikkim 357.00
24. Tamil Nadu 128.00
25. Tripura 2301.00
26. Uttar Pradesh 3877.00
27. Uttaranchal @@@
28. West Bengal 572.00
29. A & N Island 28.00
30. Chandigarh 0.00
31. D & N Haveli 7.00
32. Daman & Diu 4.00
33. Delhi 14.00
34. Lakshadweep 0.00
35. Pondicherry 4.00

Total 63850.00

@ Area included in Madhya Pradesh
@@ Area included in Bihar
@@@ Area included in Uttar Pradesh